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FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

AFRICA.

Report from Cape Colony—Plague—Examination for plague and plague-infected rodents.

Report of the medical officer of health on the state of plague in Cape Colony during week ended April 23, 1904.

Port Elizabeth.—Two cases of plague were discovered during the week, namely: On the 18th instant, a native male, and on the 19th instant, a European male. At the plague hospital, one native male died, five cases remained under treatment. Two hundred and thirty-two rats and 66 mice were bacteriologically examined during the week, of which 82 rats and 7 mice proved to be plague infected.

East London.—No case of plague was discovered during the week. Plague-infected rodents were found in the town.

Other places.—At Uitenhage, Queenstown, King Williams Town, and Knysna no case of plague was discovered in man or animal.

Cape Town and harbor board area.—Three hundred and forty-three rats were examined during the week. None were found affected with plague.

A. JOHN GREGORY,
Medical Officer of Health for the Colony.

AUSTRALIA.

Plague bulletins from Sydney and Brisbane—Examination of rodents for plague infection—Plague in Brisbane.

Consul-General Bray forwards the following:

SYDNEY, *March 28, 1904.*

Plague bulletin No 4, for the week ended March 26, 1904.

	Rats.	Mice.
Rodents destroyed	1,821	1,502
Rodents examined in laboratories.....	684	894
Rodents plague infected.....		

Plague in man.—No case or suspicious case of plague in man has occurred since March 10. Cases to date, 1.